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Louisiana Crop Prospects

Louisiana's rice crop is expected to yield 6,450 pounds per acre, surpassing the October 1 forecast record by 50 pounds. Meanwhile, Louisiana continued to receive rainfall throughout much of the state in October, hampering growers' ability to harvest their cotton and soybeans, which kept harvest almost three weeks behind normal.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 30.3 million cwt, up one percent from the previous month and up 12 percent from 2008. Rice acreage for harvest is forecast at 470,000 acres, up 6,000 acres from last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 6,450 pounds, up 50 pounds from previous month and up 620 pounds from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record.

Soybean production is expected to total 35.9 million bushels in Louisiana, unchanged from the October estimate but up 14 percent from 2008. Soybean acreage for harvest is estimated at 970,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 37 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous month but up four bushels from last year.

Louisiana's **cotton** production is expected to total 360,000 bales, down five percent from the October estimate but up 28 percent from last year. Acreage of cotton expected for harvest is forecast at 225,000 acres, down 9,000 acres from a year ago. The expected yield per acre, at 768 pounds, is down 43 pounds from the October forecast but up 192 pounds from 2008.

Louisiana's **corn** production is forecast at 80.6 million bushels, down two percent from the previous month's estimate but up ten percent from last year. An estimated 620,000 acres will be harvested for grain, up 110,000 acres from last

year. Yield per acre, at 130 bushels, is down two bushels from last month and down 14 bushels from last year's yield.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 12.0 million net tons, up seven percent from the previous month and up five percent from last year. Harvested acreage for sugar and seed is forecast at 400,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 30 net tons per acre, up two net tons from the October estimate and up 1.7 net tons from last year.

Sorghum production is estimated at 5.4 million bushels in the state, up four percent from the October estimate but down 44 percent from 2008. Sorghum harvested acreage is forecast at 67,000 acres, down 43,000 acres from last year. If realized, harvested acreage will be the lowest since 1980 when the state harvested 14,000 acres. Yield is forecast at 80 bushels per acre, up three bushels from last month but down seven bushels from a year ago.

United States Crop Prospects

Rice production is forecast at 218 million cwt, down one percent from the October forecast but up seven percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 3.1 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up four percent from 2008. As of November 1, the U.S. yield is forecast at 7,038 pounds per acre, down 77 pounds from the October 1 forecast but 192 pounds above the 2008 average yield of 6,846 pounds per acre. Expected yields decreased from the previous month in Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas, while Louisiana's yield increased slightly. The forecasted yields in California and Missouri were unchanged from the October 1 forecast. Record high yields are forecast in Louisiana, Missouri and Texas.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.3 billion bushels, up two percent from the October forecast and up 12 percent from last year. Based

on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 43.3 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month and up 3.6 bushels from 2008. If realized, this will be the highest U.S. yield on record. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher or unchanged in all states except Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Mississippi and Texas. Increases of three bushels are expected in Delaware, Indiana, Kansas and Maryland. The largest decrease in yield from the October forecast is expected in Mississippi where excessive rain during October hindered yield expectations. If realized, the forecasted yield in Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Ohio and Pennsylvania will be a record high and the forecasted yield in Georgia, Maryland and North Carolina will tie the previous record high. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 76.6 million acres, unchanged from last month but up three percent from 2008.

All Cotton production is forecast at 12.5 million 480-pound bales, down four percent from last month and down two percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 12.1 million 480-pound bales, down four percent from last month and down two percent from last year. Forecasted yield in the Delta region decreased due to continual wet weather. Texas producers expect lower yields due to the effects of the cool, wet weather on the late planted crop. Upland growers in Georgia, North Carolina and Oklahoma are expecting record high yields. The **American-Pima** production forecast, at 367,000 bales, was carried forward from the August 2009 forecast.

Corn production is forecast at 12.9 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 7 percent higher than 2008. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 162.9 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from October but 9.0 bushels above last year. Despite the drop in yield from October, this yield will be the highest on record if realized. Total production will be second highest on record, only behind 2007. Within the Corn Belt, forecasted yields in Minnesota and Wisconsin increased, while Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan yields decreased.

Production of **sugarcane** for sugar and seed is forecast at 29.2 million net tons, up two percent from the October 1 forecast and up six percent from 2008. The forecasted production increase in

Louisiana, where timely rainfall late in the growing season boosted crop growth, more than offset the expected decrease in Texas. Producers intend to harvest 852,700 acres for sugar and seed during the 2009 crop season, unchanged from last month but 15,300 acres below last year. Expected yield is forecast at 34.3 net tons per acre, up 0.9 net ton from the previous forecast and up 2.5 net tons from 2008.

Sorghum production is forecast at 364 million bushels, up slightly from the October 1 forecast but down 23 percent from 2008. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 5.7 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 22 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 64.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from October but down 1.0 bushel from last year. The yield forecasts for Kansas and Texas, the two largest sorghum-producing states, are unchanged from October at 83.0 and 44.0 bushels per acre, respectively. Producers in Oklahoma are expecting a 5.0 bushel increase from last month, while Nebraska producers expect a 6.0 bushel decline from the October 1 forecast.

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CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009
Corn for grain	510	620	144	130	bushels	73,440	80,600
Upland Cotton	234	225	576	768	lbs:bales	281	360
Rice	464	470	5,830	6,450	lbs:cwt	27,037	30,315
Sorghum for grain	110	67	87	80	bushels	9,570	5,360
Soybeans	950	970	33	37	bushels	31,350	35,890
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	405	400	28.3	30.0	net tons	11,462	12,000
Hay, all ¹	430	450	2.5	2.6	tons	1,075	1,170
Pecans, all ¹	---	---	---	---	pounds	5,000	8,000

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CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009
Corn for grain	78,640	79,294	153.9	162.9	bushels	12,101,238	12,920,928
Upland Cotton	7,400	7,586	803	767	lbs:bales	12,385	12,129
Rice	2,976	3,101	6,846	7,038	lbs:cwt	203,733	218,245
Sorghum for grain	7,271	5,681	65.0	64.0	bushels	472,342	363,810
Soybeans	74,681	76,619	39.7	43.3	bushels	2,967,007	3,319,270
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	868	852.7	31.8	34.3	net tons	27,603	29,206
Hay, all ¹	60,062	60,177	2.43	2.54	tons	145,672	152,729
Pecans, all ¹	---	---	---	---	pounds	193,890	309,200

¹Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

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